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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL**

In re Application of: Mark R. Boone et al.  
For: Medical Device and Method of Manufacturing  
Serial No.: 10/723,016  
Filed: November 26, 2003



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- ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.
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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant further requests that a copy of the Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE ISSUED	INVENTOR NAME	U.S. CLASS	U.S. SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	6,626,931	Milla et al.			
	AB	US0056350-A1	Beidler			
	AC	6,084,284	Adamic, Jr			
	AD	6,124,179	Adamic, Jr			
	AE	5,757,081	Chang et al			
	AF	5,753,529	Chang et al			
	AG	5,767,578	Chang et a			
	AH	6,221,693	Ho			
	AI	4,723,197	Takiar et al			
	AJ	4,561,906	Calder et al			
	AK	5,841,197	Adamic			
	AL	4,642,666	Lidow et al			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE PUBLIC- ATION	COUNTRY	INT. CLASS	INT. SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION	
					YES	NO
AM	JP 59229838A	JP				
AN	JP 62084533	JP				
AO	JP 05131481A	JP				

**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**


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